

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (Currently amended) An elevator system for operating a plurality of elevators in a building comprising;

a call registration device for entering a destination floor request;

a target floor determining means that determines a target floor corresponding to the destination floor request; [and,]

a target floor assigning means for assigning the target floor to one of the plurality of elevators for service exclusively to the target floor, and:

a first-arriving elevator predicting means that predicts a first arriving elevator among said plurality of elevators to arrive at a building ground floor lobby and wherein said target floor assigning means assigns said target floor to the first arriving elevator.

2. (Original) The elevator system of claim 1 further comprising a visual display located near each of the plurality of elevators to indicate the target floor assigned to each of the plurality of elevators.

3. (Original) The elevator system of claim 1 further comprising an acoustic device located near each of the plurality of elevators to indicate the target floor assigned to each of the plurality of elevators.

4. (Original) The elevator system of claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of elevators is restricted to serving a set of target floors.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) An elevator operation method for operating plural elevators in a building comprising the steps of;

registering a destination floor request;

determining a target floor that corresponds to the destination floor request; [and,]

assigning the target floor to one of the plurality of elevators for service exclusively to the target floor,

predicting a first arriving elevator from among said plurality of elevators to arrive at a building ground floor lobby; and,

assigning said target floor to the first arriving elevator.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of indicating the one of the plurality of elevators to which the target call is assigned.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the step of determining is restricted to a set of target floors for each one of the plurality of elevators.

9. (Canceled)